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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING Ti OR Ti ALLOY THROUGH REDUCTION BY Ca
(as amended)

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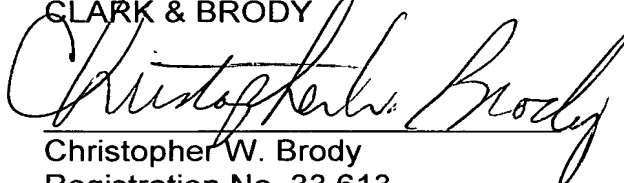
Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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Applicants respectfully submit that this disclosure is being filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b), therefore, no fee is required.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	1.	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	FILING DATE
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	2.	4,820,339	04/11/1989	Bienvenu et al.			
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	1.	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	<u>TRANSLATION</u>		
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	6.	2001-192748	07/17/2001	Japan					x
	7.	64-047823	02/22/1989	Japan					x
	8.	60-238429	11/27/1985	Japan	Cited on attached Int'l. Search Report - translation not required				
	9.	WO 03/038156	05/08/2003	PCT					X
	10.	2003-129268	05/08/2003	Japan					x
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	15.	A.M. Martinez et al., "A chemical and electrochemical study of titanium ions in the molten equimolar CaCl ₂ + NaCl mixture at 550°C.", Journal of Electroanalytical Chemistry, Vol. 449 (1998), pgs. 67-80

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